

Claims

1. A skin cleansing composition comprising (A) 3 to 80 wt.% of an oil component, (B) 1 to 45 wt.% of a hydrophilic nonionic surfactant, (C) 1 to 45 wt.% of a lipophilic amphiphile, (D) 3 to 80 wt.% of a water soluble solvent and (E) 3 to 80 wt.% of water, and having an isotropic liquid phase exhibiting a bicontinuous structure.

2. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the oil component (A) has a viscosity at 25°C of 30 mPa·s or less.

3. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the oil component (A) is selected from liquid paraffin, liquid isoparaffin, neopentyl glycol dicaprate, isopropyl isostearate, cetyl 2-ethylhexanoate, isononyl isononanoate, glycerol tri(caprylate/caprate), alkyl-1,3-dimethylbutyl ethers, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane and octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane.

4. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the oil component (A) is hydrogenated polyisobutene which has a polymerization degree of from 3 to 6.

5. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) has an HLB value of more than 8 and has a hydrophobic group with 8 or more carbon atoms.

6. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1,

wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycol alkyl ethers, polyethylene glycol sorbitan fatty acid esters, sucrose fatty acid esters and alkyl polyglucosides.

7. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol fatty acid esters and alkyl polyglucosides.

8. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the lipophilic amphiphile (C) is selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants having an HLB value of 8 or less, fatty alcohols having 8 to 25 carbon atoms, fatty acids having 8 to 25 carbon atoms and monoalkylphosphoric acids having 8 to 25 carbon atoms.

9. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein the water soluble solvent (D) is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, isoprene glycol, hexylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside and propionic acid.

10. The skin cleansing composition of Claim 1, wherein, the weight ratio of the water soluble solvent (D) to the sum of the hydrophilic nonionic surfactant (B) and lipophilic amphiphile (C), $(D)/((B)+(C))$, is 1 or greater.